

By the Reorganization Act of 1936, the Legislature provided for the independent auditing of the accounts and financial transactions of all spending agencies of the state through an impartial auditor entirely independent of the state administration. This independent elected officer, like today's Auditor of Public Accounts, was charged to check on the legality and propriety of expenditures and be responsible to the people. This professional auditing service in state government gradually has been extended to include elements of economy and efficiency auditing.

AUDITORS OF KENTUCKY

1792	William McDowell	1912	H. M. Bosworth
1796	George Madison	1916	Robert L. Greene
1816	John Madison	1919	T. M. Jones
1820	Peter Clay	1920	John J. Craig
1820	Ben Shelby	1924	William H. Shanks
1834	Thomas S. Page	1928	Clell Coleman
1846	H. Q. Bradley	1932	J. Dan Talbott
1848	John B. Temple	1936	E. E. Shannon
1850	James A. Barbour	1940	David A. Logan
1851	Thomas S. Page	1943	B. L. Sparks
1855	Thomas S. Page	1947	Charles I. Ross
1859	Grant Green	1947	W. D. Bratcher
1863	W. T. Samuels	1948	Harry Newman Jones
1867	D. Howard Smith	1952	T. Herbert Tinsley
1871	D. Howard Smith	1956	Mary Louise Foust
1879	Fayette Hewitt	1960	Joseph W. Schneider
1883	Fayette Hewitt	1964	Henry H. Carter
1887	Fayette Hewitt	1968	Clyde Conley
1887	L. C. Norman	1969	James Thompson
1889	L. C. Norman	1970	Mary Louise Foust
1896	Sam H. Stone	1976	George Atkins
1900	John S. Sweeny	1980	James B. Graham
1900	Gus G. Coulter	1984	Mary Ann Tobin
1904	S. W. Hager	1988	Bob Babbage
1908	Frank P. Jones	1992	A. B. Chandler III
		1996	Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.